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SUBJECT: KEY CABINET OFFICIAL SUPPORTS PRESIDENTIAL REPLY
TO LEAHY LETTER

Classified By: Ambassador Cameron R. Hume, for reasons 1.4 b+d

11. (C) State Secretary Hatta Rajasa offered to encourage President Yudhoyono to reply to Senator Leahy's recent letter regarding military reform, during an August 27 meeting with Ambassador Hume. Rajasa agreed that this reply would be an opportunity to open a dialogue with Senator Leahy. Rajasa, who oversees Cabinet coordination and controls information flow to the President, promised to raise this proposed reply with President Yudhoyono. Ambassador Hume also raised the prospect of Foreign Minister Hassan Wirajuda or Special Envoy Alwi Shihab meeting with Senator Leahy in September to convey personally President Yudhoyono's reply to Senator Leahy's letter.

12. (C) In separate meetings, Ambassador Hume discussed the proposed President Yudhoyono reply to Senator Leahy's letter with Defense Minister Juwono Sudarsono and National Security Advisor Dino Djalal. Sudarsono agreed that a broad reply would provide a basis for dialogue between the Government of Indonesia and Senator Leahy. Djalal said that it was important to take all measures to keep the correspondence private to reduce the possibility of a nationalist public reaction. Djalal and Ambassador Hume also discussed including an invitation for Senator Leahy to visit Indonesia as well as highlighting the importance of international cooperation for Indonesian military reform, particularly U.S. cooperation. (See septel for Rajasa's thoughts on expanding bilateral cooperation, particularly through the proposed Defense Cooperation Agreement and an umbrella science and technology agreement.)

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